

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Report for the month of JANUARY, 1947.

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This report gives the latest available figures relative to Population; Marriages, Births and Deaths; Land Settlement; State Government Revenue and Expenditure; Savings Banks; Bank Clearances; Real Estate Transactions; Sales Tax; Companies Registered and Bankruptcy; Government Railway Operations; Motor Vehicle Registrations; Trade; Building Permits; Butter Production; Gold Output and Dividends Reported; Prices; Employment; Electricity Supply (Metropolitan Area) and Livestock Slaughtering.

POPULATION

The population of the State on the 30th September 1946 was estimated to be 495,362, comprising 256,237 males and 239,125 females.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA

NOTES: Particulars relative to deaths refer to civilians only.
The number of births for 1946 constitutes a record.

			DECEMBER		12 months ended DECEMBER	
			1946	1945	1946	1945
Marriages	..	No.	513	351	5,171	3,788
"	..	*Rate per 1000 of population	12.12	8.40	10.47	7.73
Births	..	No.	1,210	653	12,105	10,672
"	..	*Rate per 1000 of population	28.60	15.63	24.50	21.78
Deaths	..	No.	345	359	4,753	4,712
"	..	*Rate per 1000 of population	8.15	8.60	9.62	9.62
Infant Mortality		No.	28	20	376	315
"	"	Rate per 1000 Live Births	23.14	30.63	31.06	29.52
PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -						
Tuberculosis			7	11	171	163
Cancer			45	31	549	564
Influenza			-	3	15	14
Diphtheria			-	3	11	20
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.			34	35	397	436
Arteriosclerosis			11	11	173	175
Diseases of the Heart			87	100	1,299	1,329
Pneumonia and Broncho-Pneumonia			21	25	321	287
Diarrhoea and Enteritis			3	3	28	45
Nephritis			13	27	170	214
Diseases of Early Infancy			16	6	206	177
Senility			7	14	122	151
Accidents			23	19	300	248
All Other Causes			78	71	991	889
TOTAL			345	359	4,753	4,712

*Equivalent Annual Rate

LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the month of January totalled 63,510 acres, an increase of 57,697 acres on the corresponding month last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 1,303,992 acres, an increase of 1,378,873 acres.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

	Month of JANUARY		7 months ended January	
	1947	1946	1947	1946
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue ..	1,200,277	1,325,630	7,752,263	7,438,357
Revenue per Head of Population	£2.8.2d.	£2.13.10d.	£15.12.3d.	£15.2.11d.
Expenditure ..	1,301,182	1,306,495	8,463,910	8,296,057
Expenditure per Head of Population	£2.12.2d.	£2.13.1d.	£17.0.11d.	£16.17.10d.

SAVINGS BANKS

Deposits on the 31st January amounted to £36,667,655, or £73.9.8d per head of population, as against £36,637,568, or £74.8.2d. per head as at the 31st January last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

The average weekly clearances for the 4 weeks ended 29th January 1947 amounted to £4,148,417, compared with £3,782,740 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		JANUARY		7 months ended January	
		1947	1946	1947	1946
Transfers ..	(No. £.)	1,324 754,766	1,274 547,992	10,790 5,493,876	7,693 3,328,748
Mortgages ..	(No. £.)	769 611,732	550 510,388	6,195 5,192,300	2,964 2,601,152
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	680	662	5,586	4,162

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE & EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED.

Month of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected.
	Sales in respect of which tax is payable (Gross)	Sales in respect of which tax is NOT payable (Gross)		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
1946 -				
January	1,510,643	1,062,887	2,830,201	236,000
February	931,232	764,293	1,503,464	144,395
March	976,682	778,005	1,733,304	143,435
April	915,207	871,315	1,641,961	141,175
May	1,162,813	932,276	1,995,413	168,832
June	1,129,462	985,112	1,556,333	158,664
July	1,017,708	731,534	2,054,818	142,235
August	734,719	824,237	1,483,285	164,837
September	1,066,352	1,298,683	2,006,343	163,108
October	1,335,348	1,012,132	2,018,926	200,216
November	1,226,307	1,002,723	1,727,609	186,457
December	922,086	690,278	1,550,072	131,072
1947 -				
January	1,236,382	1,272,141	1,893,777	171,721

COMPANIES REGISTERED

52 Local Companies, with a nominal capital of £1,120,000, and 28 Foreign Companies were registered during the seven months ended 31st January 1947. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 27 Local Companies, with a nominal capital of £575,100, and 17 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY.

	Seven months ended JANUARY					
	1947			1946		
	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.
Sequestration Orders	12	7,661	2,431	8	16,281	6,259
Deeds of Assignment (a)	5	7,925	5,471	1	2,025	230
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT.

The operations of the State Government Railways open for general and passenger traffic were as follow :-

		DECEMBER		6 months ended December	
		1946	1945	1946	1945
Gross Earnings	£.	346,100	336,700	1,914,200	2,006,200
Working Expenses	£.	357,296	331,674	2,094,293	1,998,264
Train miles run		585,057	527,478	3,138,401	3,080,405
Passenger Journeys		1,034,110	1,386,353	6,683,985	8,304,830
Tonnage Carried -					
Paying Goods		203,317	206,597	1,060,260	1,189,040
Livestock		14,578	10,815	80,045	74,727
Departmental (Free Freight)		39,040	34,091	255,901	227,708
Total		256,935	251,503	1,396,206	1,491,475
Net Ton Mileage of -					
Paying Goods		27,045,079	26,465,353	147,410,932	152,243,811
Livestock		1,946,406	1,237,653	10,228,935	8,639,378
Departmental (Free Freight)		6,338,764	5,264,384	40,926,766	33,041,872
Total		35,330,249	32,967,390	198,566,633	193,925,061

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles).

Period	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1945	32	218	8	107	39	475	9	174
1946 -								
January	8	13	-	27	8	24	-	35
February	11	24	-	41	11	38	-	45
March	9	19	-	37	9	51	-	42
April	17	25	-	30	18	49	1	33
May	22	49	-	44	27	98	2	45
June	8	16	-	19	9	25	-	19
July	38	30	-	36	38	62	-	51
August	45	27	2	37	46	53	2	47
Sept.	61	27	2	35	75	69	3	45
October	106	44	2	37	128	96	2	48
November	83	22	2	37	92	70	3	49
December	128	32	3	42	176	83	3	54
1947 -								
January	111	27	2	52	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

(a) Not yet available.

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS). (Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles)

Date (as at end of month)	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1945 -								
June	18,478	6,603	244	2,783	30,635	23,649	294	4,501
1946 -								
June	19,214	7,989	204	4,295	31,316	28,147	309	6,794
Sept.	19,128	8,504	235	4,353	30,900	28,820	302	6,747
December	19,770	8,878	243	4,709	31,777	30,096	319	7,324
1947 -								
January	19,774	8,883	250	4,806	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

(a) Not yet available

(3) COMMONWEALTH-OWNED VEHICLES (Excluding Defence Service Vehicles).

	Cars	Wagons, Vans, etc.	Buses	Motor Cycles
1947 - January	88	380	5	3

TRADE

Trade of Western Australia (Interstate and Oversea) - December 1946
and 1945, and 6 months ended December 1946 and 1945 - expressed in terms of
Australian currency :-

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
	6 months ended		6 months ended		6 months ended		6 months ended	
	December		December		December		December	
	1946	1945	1946	1945	1946	1945	1946	1945
	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)
Oversea	846	112	4,410	2,367	1,408	945	9,477	7,070
Interstate	1,699	1,579	9,707	7,956	247	296	1,567	4,192
TOTAL	2,545	1,691	14,117	10,323	1,655	1,241	11,044	11,262

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WATER RESOURCES DIVISION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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BUILDING ACTIVITY.

(1) PERMITS ISSUED IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA.

Period	New Dwellings and Hotels		Stores, Warehouses, Factories, etc.		Additions and Alterations		Total Permits Issued	
	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.
January 1947	*147	*169,379	7	3,893	212	37,656	*366	*210,928
January 1946	168	163,402	11	6,955	187	20,979	366	191,336
7 months ended January 1947	1123	1233,368	66	67,225	1,582	234,776	2,771	1,535,369
7 months ended January 1946	770	646,681	32	29,541	1,339	188,600	2,141	864,822

*Includes Dwellings under the Commonwealth-State Rental Housing Scheme which number 29 for a value of £32,214.

(2) PERMITS ISSUED IN COUNTRY DISTRICTS
(15 Local Government Authorities)

Period	New Dwellings and Hotels		Stores, Warehouses, Factories, etc.		Additions and Alterations		Total Permits Issued	
	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.
January, 1947	*26	*24,121	2	530	36	3,250	*64	*27,901
January, 1946	15	8,098	6	2,047	40	4,561	61	14,706
7 months ended January 1947	172	142,178	25	9,474	299	31,561	496	183,213
7 months ended January 1946	104	74,362	17	6,929	222	18,410	343	99,701

*Includes Dwellings under the Commonwealth-State Rental Housing Scheme which number 15 for a value of £14,846.

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES

1,486,301 lbs. were produced during December and 10,081,087 lbs. for the six months ended December 1946, as against 1,417,531 lbs. and 9,699,672 lbs. respectively for the corresponding periods last year.

GOLD PRODUCTION

		JANUARY		12 months ended DECEMBER	
		1947	1946	1946	1945
Quantity	.. Fine Oz.	62,745	42,471	616,964	468,549
Value (Australian Currency)	£.	675,298	457,099	6,640,069	5,010,541

Dividends Reported by Gold Mining Companies for the twelve months ended December 1946 amounted to £713,926, as against £532,703 for the corresponding period last year.

RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base, Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities for 1923/27 = 1000)

	JANUARY		7 months ended January	
	1947	1946	1947	1946
Food and Groceries -				
Metropolitan	1057	1052	1055	1058
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	1191	1182	1188	1189
Northam	1071	1061	1069	1067
Bunbury	1059	1049	1053	1043
Geraldton	1082	1075	1079	1082
Collie	1071	1064	1069	1069

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

Month	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100)					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July 1941 (9,578 Employees = 1000)				
	1942	1943	1944	1945(a)	1946(a)	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
January	116	128	137	142	146	1014	865	826	870	995
February	118	130	138	142	148	986	861	824	868	1016
March	118	132	139	144	152	962	846	825	877	1045
April	118	134	139	144	153	955	835	827	876	1051
May	119	131	140	144	155	927	836	832	891	1069
June	118	135	139	145	157	907	835	829	903	1087
July	117	136	140	145(a)	159	888	828	832	899	1096
August	119	136	140	144	160	882	814	832	897	1109
September	120	137	140	141	161	877	806	834	914	1114
October	122	138	140	141	164	874	801	837	929	1118
November	123	136	141	144	163	873	814	851	965	1133
December	124	137	142	144	163	886	840	886	1012	1165

(a) Figures subsequent to June 1945 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY -- METROPOLITAN AREA (Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station

	JANUARY		7 months ended January	
	1947	1946	1947	1946
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	16,867	15,814	113,962	108,229
Units Sold (1000 K.W.H.)	14,323	13,901	97,046	91,720

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Month	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
	No.	No.	No.	No.
JANUARY 1947	4,587	297	87,216	13,290
JANUARY 1946	4,376	213	65,806	18,161
12 months ended December 1946	88,176	4,230	1,000,659	163,046
12 months ended December 1945	68,822	3,940	907,095	169,717

